### ROYALTY'S SANTA CLAUS

What He Will Bring Princes and Princesses.

WONDERFUL PARISIAN THINGS

What Doth Hedge a Baby King and Confine His Childish Pleasures.

A haby trousseau is the proper pres for the Christmas haby. And the baby itself is a Christmas present to the family.

There are many of these Christmas babies to be distributed this Christmas. Tidings of those of high degree have been borne over land and sea until all the world knows of them. News of those of less favored position comes in the multitude of small transcript of small trousseaus which are being dis played in the shops among the holiday pur-

chases.

The most interesting preparations are being made in the York family for a playmate to young Prince Edward. This boy is a year and a half old, and stands alone by a chair. His nursery has just been taken away from him, and he has been placed in a room with a bedstead and similichairs, bureau, and dressing table. The education of England's future has begun with him.

#### FOR THE YORK HEIR.

Prince Edward's old nursery is being the Gringham. Everything in the room is being Gringham. Everything in the room is being remodeled and the room is entirely reflitted, so that it is as new as the beit expected. Here the child will be this winter.

The decorations of the room, which will hold what may be a future king, if Edward should die, are in pale plink. The color scheme is deep at the floor and shades to write at the celling. It is in hard finish, that the French bables do, but they do not always have the trifles, and in fitting out

should die, are in pale pink. The color scheme is deep at the floor and shades to white at the celling. It is in hard finish. The floor is tilled and is entirely covered with choice rigs, thin but warm, which will be shaken out daily. The win-lows are of colored glass, with pink curtains.

As it is cold at Sandringham now there are two sets of windows. The colored set can be raised and through the clear glass windows there is a view of the world when the prince or princess is old enough to realize that it is on earth. An interesting thing is the heating of the room, which is done with open fireplaces. At least these are always burning with their colored glass screens standing in front. But the heat of the room really comes from steam pipes which are laid under the floor frough the border of the room, preventing fraughts. draughts

None of Prince Edward's cradles, clothes Note of Prince Edward's charge. These or tollet articles will be used again. These are all suitably labeled and put away as fast as the little heir is through with them. In future days they may make the history of a monarch's baby days. The new baby has new things prepared for him.

In the very middle of the nursery stands to the conditional trails it is set around with

In the very middle of the bursery stands the jeweled cradle. It is set around with pink stones and is fitted with a pink silk canopy, embroidered in white and with white lace around the edge. Next to it is a small foot stool upon which the caretaker sits while the child is sleeping, for an infant king never slumters alone. Near by are the small "clothes horses" inclosed in their carved wood frames, to protect the their carved wood frames, to protect the long white dresses from dust, and there is a low case with all the nursery implements in it. The tollet articles are in a carved box, of which the front lets down. The Duchess of York has never been very

extravagant in the fitting out of her bables, and aside from great richness there is no THE CASTELLANE NURSERY.

Very elaborate are the preparation that are being made for the helr of the Castellane family. This child may be among the earlier of the Christmas bables. as so many preparations have been recently made for him. A young girl artist, of New York, who called at the Castellane residence a few days ago to sketch the nursery was told that all was now ready

for occupancy.

Many new and pretty things have been placed in the trousseau of this baby, who will bear the fortune and stock of Jay will bear the fortune and stock of Jay will bear the fortune and stock of Jay Gould, if not his name. The most impor-tant of all is the securing of a 'nou-nou.' who was the nurse of an infant duke, and, who was invited to go to England to nurse the young son of the Princess Adolphus of Teck. This superior young person is of royal blood, it is chaimed, and is in demand that immense sums are se cured by her every time she attempts to

"adopt" a nurseling.

The cradle-for all children are now rocked in cradles-is of solid gold, with chasing around it. The gold is enameled in blue, and is set with a border of all-

in blue, and is set with a corder of all colored stones. But it is the toilet things—the gifts and the purchases—that make the outfit so remarkable.

At the side of the craile stands a pair of jeweled scales that are for weighing the young comer. These scales are perfectly adjusted, and were made to order reals and present states instead of the gold and precious stones instead of the dinary material.

#### A WONDERFUL PANEL. At the other side of the cradle stands

tall papel of dult gold with hooks upon five feet tall and has branching feet for holding it stendy. This panel is for everything in daily use by the child. At the top is a thermometer. At the lower end is a box of jeweled safety pins supported upon a small shelf. In the middle is a heavy hirthday book of vellum, ornamented with gold and tied at the four corners with blue satin ribbon, and above this is the baby basket, lined with blue satin and trimmed with lace. The outside of the basket is of gold wire, twisted and bent to form a gold wire, twisted and bent to form a basket, and the whole weight of the basket, exclusive of its contents, is less

than two pounds.

At one side of this panel hangs a cup, which looks to you too small for a bath-tub and too large for a baby's drink ing-mug. When you ask what this is you are told it is a loving-cup, the gift of all the grandparents, godfathers and godmothers, and that it is not to be used godmothers, and that is in an ex-until the child's first reception—caudle party we call it here. Then it will be filled with wine made upon the day that his with wine made upon the day that his parents were christened. This cup is passed around for all to drink from. The Castel-

has loving-cup is massive gold with open places left for inscriptions.

The trousseau of this haby is as large as that of half a dozen ordinary children. There are fifty long dresses, all trimined with lace. Most of them are embroidered by hand underneath the lace. With each dress there is a cap and nightgown of simi-lar pattern, with a long white petticoat to match. The finnels underneath have a repetition of the vine, and some of them

A very pretty and new wrinkle for the Christmas baby is the small, lacey pad which is for baby to sit upon. This is a square of white cambric edged with white lace. There is a layer of wadding inside. lace. There is a layer of wadding inside, and the pad becomes a pillow for daily use. There are many of these. Little bundles of them are placed all over the house, so that when the young hopeful of the family is brought in he cam be comfortably seated upon the floor, or upon a corner of the sofa, with a foundation of softness that will not give his small spine a lackache. These pads are recommended. i backache. These pads are recomme by all the physicians of Paris, and may

American lady whose large amily has already accustomed her to

the preparing of trousseaux.

When in Paris last summer this lady selected a large stock of things for nursery use. Nowhere else do they have the little inventious that they have in Paris every exison. Among the new things brought over was a jeweled bath thermometer and several more thermometers for different parts of the nursery as children are now brought up on more scientific principles than formerly. The beauty of these giente trifles is that they are made to espond with the scheme of the room

ations of the walls are studded with them, one in each quarter of the room. The loving-oup for this other Gould baby is of silver in the new craze for sterling

ware. It is very large around and not very deep, with a series of handles running around it, and several mouth pieces along the edge. This will be the fifth baby of that family, and the trousseau for this one is elaborate in rich little trifles.

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The birthday book, bound in vellam, is a feature of this troussean also. This book has spaces for inserting the photographs that are taken at different ages. It also has lines for the records of the child's progress. The day he took his first step, the minute his first tooth was visible, his pet nicknames, his first words, his prefer ences in persons and colors, all are placed in these pages. This book is put in a safe deposit vanif at the end of the first year, and another book pit initsplace.

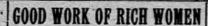
More than one of the Christmas babies

More than one of the Christmas babies will have its nurse imported for it from Paris. The advantage of the Parisian nurse, aside from the fact that the child will learn the purest of French, along with the learn the purest of French, along with the English it picks up anyway, is the unques-tioned integrity of her character. There are whole families in Paris who have nursed from generation to generation. They are strong, healthy, beautiful in face, and ab-solutely lovely in character and disposition No fear of unlovely traits from these care-tukers.

takers. The proper dress for a child's nurse from Paris, that city of baby fashions that has so few babies of its own, is a deep red cloth cape over a dress of striped muslin or cloth. Her cap is of plaid ribbon made into a snug hat, and long streamers of the ribbon hang to the ground. This she is proud to wear when she goes into the street.

In the trousseau of the newest baby there are many pairs of shoes. They are of glove kid, with kid soles no thicker than the sides. Ladies make them or employ

Prince Edward's old nursery is being refitted for a buby. It is a inrge room facing south in York cottage, idear San-facing south in York cottage, idear San-facing south in York cottage, idear south in York cottage, ide



Some Whose Hands Are Ever Open to Charity.

WEALTH THAT DOES HONOR

Mrs. Pierpont Morgan Dines the Working Girls-Miss Vanderbilt's Unique Parties.

With scarcely an exception, the girls whose coming-out teas and frocks and daily doings are faihtfully chronicled are women who devote almost as much time and attention to their charities as they do

For instance, Miss Gertrude Vanderbilt celebrates her birthdays in most charming fashion. She invites a party of girls being the fashion. lassion. See invites a party of girs see longing sto the Friendty Society to spend the afternoon with her. Lancheon is provided, spread forth as daintily with flowers and fruits as though the entertainment were for the hostess' intimate friends, and each girl carries away as a souvenir of the pressions how of behaviours and a basket each girl carries away as a souvenir of the occasion a box of bonbons and a basket

of flowers.

All the Vanderbilts are extremely charitable, and it is said to be the rule in Cornelius Vanderbilt's bousehold that whatever the cost of maintaining the establishment, the same amount in each instance is given to charity. The items are carefully watched each month and a similar amount is put to the account of others less blessed with this world's gords. Mrs. Vanderbilt used to have the special supervision of this unique account book, but within the last year or two it has passed into Miss Gertrude's keeping, and the task
that she has set herself is no sinecure.
One can fancy how large these charitable donations must be from the fact, in
connection with one item alone, that the
number of servants is never less than thirty.

Every Monday morning for the last year or two, Miss Alice Shepard, now Mrs. David Hennen Morris, has spent the hours from 9 to 11 at the librarian's desk, at the Young Woman's Christian Association. Her duties for the time are to relieve the



Troussean of a Christmas Baby. (Sketched in the Castellane Nursery by C. L. Goodwin.)

Not Popular Yet in This Country, But

May Become So.

The idea of a nursery dining room or table is not popular among any but the wealthy classes in this country, and yet it has much to recommend it. While it is true that a child should have its meals with its parents often from the time he is able to eat ordinary food, it is nevertheless true that there are meals which it is to the mutual advantage of child and parents for him to eat separately.

Ilbrarian from the monotonous task of chaging the books of members who call. Mrs. Morris is also interested in tenement housework, and in conjunction with her cousia. Miss Lita Stoane, employs a trained nurse to look after the babies of a thickly populated district in the summer and which she makes personally during the winter. Miss Sloane declares is more interesting to her than a novel, and

is true that a child should have its meals with its parents often from the time he is able to eat ordinary food, it is nevertheless true that there are meals which it is to the mutual advantage of child and parents for him to eat separately.

Breakfast usually contains enough simple dishes to make it a proper meal for a child to attend. Luncheon should be his dinner, and he should lunch with the family unless there are guests. But the family dinner should not be a meal for young children. They should have a hearty, but less stimulating meal at about 5:30 p. m., in the nursery, for they should be sent to bed at the time the family is dining—at about 7. Their evening meal may be at about 7. Their evening meal may be superintended by their mother, who will to influence their table man ers, but they should not be allowed timulating food and society just before

#### PRETTY CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

A handsome cushion is being made this winter for such men and women as are lovers of the mysteries of chess. This pillow is embroidered in the form of a chess board, and on the different squares stand knights and pawns, kings and queens and castles as in the game.

If you cannot afford to present you fine the

baby ribbon to give stiffness to the rim This is equally suitable for helding ordinar

This is equally suitable for holding ordinary pins and bits of jewelry.

Foot stools are in high favor this winter and not a whit less popular are the "floor pillows," which can be easily made in the house, the materials costing comparatively little. For bedrooms the stripes may be of any one of a dozen varieties; but for the drawing-room the pillow should be rich in effect. The unper side, at least, should be of handsome cordinory or dark India and Persian prints, velvet, plush or tanestry.

Another bonhon box of this winter anpears at first glance to be nothing more or less than a huge book. Across the back in large gilt letters runs the title, "A Terribie Temptation." When the top cover is raised, displaying a couple of pounds of fine sugar plums, it is most evident wherein lies the temptation suggested. A box of this kind may be easily made at bome from an old book cover newly decorated or from stiff cardboard, covered with linea or silk and bound with a strip of leather.

librarian from the monotonous task of

more interesting to her than a novel, and often when at Lenox or Newport, she takes a trip to New York to personally attend a trip to New York to personally attend to the purchase of some needy articles possibly a modest layette for a new-bor-baby.

#### OTHER FAIR SAMARITANS.

Miss Virginia Fair gives much of her time to good works in the most unaffected way, and all the poor with whom she comes way, and an the poor with whom she comes in contact have reason to bless her. She does not satisfy herself by merely giving money to institutions, nor does she simply give alms to individuals. She makes her-self acquainted with families in distress for the purpose of assisting them in the bust neestible way. ible way.

best possible way.

Pinard serves a supper every year, some time during the holidays at Mrs. Pierpont Morgan's house, which is remarkable more because of the interesting company to which the supper is served than because of the feast itself.

The menu is such as the caterer places before the various divisions of the 100 menus.

The menu is such as the caterer places before the various divisions of the 400 who give ball suppers, but the company on the occasions in question is composed of 300 girls, members of the Working Girls Club of 8t. George's Church, New York city. The club is one in which Mrs. Morgan is intensely interested.

Outside of the fact that the girls are plainly, though prettily, dressed in every case the whole affair is modelled in the likeness of a swell entertainment. The ooms are brilliantly flluminated, the tables are decorated lavishly with flowers and an orchestra furnishes music for danc-ing, and each girl is presented upon her ar-rival with a magnificent American Beauty

Pretty Mrs. Lorillard Spencer is also much interested in the noble work carried on at St. George's, and once a month during the winter she presides at a mothers' nect-ing and gives words of cheer and comfort to Mrs. Jack Astor has a particular weak-

ness for bootbiacks, so she says, and upon all holiday occasions. Christmas, Easter and birthdays in her family, they are re-membered and feasted at her expense. Mrs. Astor has also done much at Ferncliffe, her country place on the Hudson, in establish-

THE EDITOR'S DREAM.

armen receiving the res



'I've just awakened from a dream— Oh, such a crazy vision! I dare not tell it to my wife, She'd greet me with decision.

It serves me right to have nightmare,
I'm such a thoughtless bumpkin.
To cat when bedtime's drawing nigh
A picmadeout of pumpkin.
But, oh, that dream—that dreadful dream?
It fills me with cold shivers;

feel the chills run down my back Like simal, frost-bitten fivers—
I dreamed—now, this is the gospel truth,
And I am no mubiber—
I dreamed I got two dollars from
The man called Old Bulweriber. GEORGE V. HOBART.

LAY TO PEGASUS. Impromptu Verses by Robert Grant.

and How They Were Written. and How They Were Written.

The verses entitled "A Lay to Pegasus."
by Robert Grant, are widely known, and have been commended as a very happy product of his lighter vein. They were strictly impromptu, and the circumstances attending their birth were as follows. On the evening of December 8 150 Me. Greet evening of December 8 150 Me. ing their birth were as follows: On the evening of December 8, 1892, Mr. Grant was the guest of the Massachusetts Fish and Game Protective Association, and being pressed by his friend Ivers W. Adams for some impromptu verses, he at length yielded and hastily scribbled a rough draft of the "Lay to Pegasus" on the back of his menu, afterward claborating it upon some sheets of copy paper obtained from a reporter. Considering the difficulties which Mr. Grant had to contend with, the dining room being a very bable of tongues, and the head waiter being grimly determined that the honored guest should miss nothing from the Blue Points to the coffee, the verses are decidedly meritorious.

The lay is herewith reproduced:

A LAY TO PEGASUS.

I bought a Pegasus a mer gears back.

bought a Pegasus some years back, ... Which was vouched as a steady family

which was votched as a steady family steed;
That is, he had gaits-like d herdic back, Which means he could go very fast, indeed,
For a block or two on a manbly road.
When the whip was laid on his withers brown;
But after a moment be puffed, and blowed.
And yet at that time he did not lie down, down. He was not made to look at—that Pegasus

In the way of looks be was bony and thin;
His ribs stack out and he showed his spine.
Whenever I tried to take a spin
He was sare to shy at things we met.
Whenever he trotted out from town,
He was apt to bolt at times and yet.
My Pegasus never would He down.

My good friend Adams and to me An hour ago, with a wicked smile. "Saddle your Pegnaus, do," said he. "I can't" said I, "the's lost his style; He is out at pasture, ten miles from town. Saddle my Pegnaus, where was I at? Supposing Pegnaus should lie down.

The villain Adams looked at me.

And a lear bedinned his bright blue eye.

"I bad counted, Grant, on having you in At our nineteenth antiquessary."

And then be flattered my amour propre, Saying pleasant things of my Pegasus, brown,

So I said to myself, "I may come a commer.

But Pegasus never would lie down."

So I gat out my boots and riding breeches, And jumped on his back with a jump galore, Armedwith one of the dainty switches I used to carry in days of yore;

And a pair of spurs, with terrible rowels, With no regard for the mag's renown-lammest them into Pegasas' bowels In order to stop him from lying down. chieruped to Pegasus atid pricked him. Said to him, "Gee!" and lanumed his

Said to him, "Gee" and tainined as flank.

And pounded him over the head and kicked him.

Calling him blankety, blankety blank.

But he wouldn't foldige for spur or kindness, And now, in the face of all the town.

My brain is seized with a sudden blindness—

Cassan flanks, is lying down!

Pegasus, friends, is lying down!

And here I stand in my riding breeches, With ashes strewn on my poet pride;
Oh! for a broomstick, such as the witches
Knew so deverly how to ride!
Then would I mount and sing at paesn
To the lasting bener of Boston townBetter a fall from the blue Empyrean
Than to have one's Pegasus lie down.

Henceforth I shall walk on my patent uppers,
And view the hags with a pensive smile;
i will sell my Pegasus, hoof and cruppers,
To Mr. Ward at the equine mile,
But I pray, oh, bards, whose clever verses
Win fame and plaudits that each the

"Dist Natchelly Bad." I don't care 'bout de mission, Nor de Band o' Grace and Hope, Nor de way ter 'scape temptation

Nor de prayers o' de Pope; I hate de saints and love de sinners, I never mind me dad. I likes ter play de cobs dat's winners, 'Cause I'm dist natchelly bad.

I hates de long-faced preacher, And I likes ter take me drink; De sport's my kind o' creature, And de show is great, I t'ink; I likes ter fight and queer de coppers, And in der night ter gad;

I never tells de truf', bat whoppers,

'Cause I'm dist natchelly bad.

l likes ter rob de Dago. And de woman who can't'sec-(8he's a dead-beat and virago And can see ez good ez mei: I likes all t'ings dat's wicked. And, ter give it straight, I'm glad I'se got a down-grade ticket, 'Cause I'm dist natchelly bad.

Woman and Wheel. (After Tennyson by an Old-fashioned Fel-

Furn, woman, turn thy wheel in garments Furn thy wild wheel through dust that's like a cloud! Thy wheel and thee some love, and some do hate.

Turn, woman, turn thy wheel, through smile or frown Of those who watch thy wobblings up and down! Thy skill is little, but thy pluck is great.

Smile the rude boys and bowl behind their hands; Frowns the grave city; the worldling under-Woman is woman, and mistress of her fate.

Turn, turn thy wheel amid the staring crowd!

Thy wheel and thee are loud, and yet allowed!

Thy wheel and thee some love, but I do hate!

—Punch.

Christmas! Christmas! Christmas! Artists' materials of every description at 8CHMIDT'S. Oil color outfits, water color outfits, Christmas novelities, low prices. 504 Ninth—1722 Pa. avc. Open Tomorrow Night Until 10:30.

LANSBURGH & BRO.

# ZENSIBLE PRESENTS.

Presents that give the most satisfaction are those that wear the longest and are of the practical kind. Of course, trinkets and fancy boxes and the like of these things may please some, but, then, the majority of human kind certainly would prefer something

There's practicability in Gift-things like these:

## A Dress Length of

36-inch Fancy Cheviots for \$1.98. Ample quantity for entire dress. 40-inch Fancy Jacquards for \$1.98. Ample quantity for entire dress. 40-inch All-wool Cashmeres for \$1.98. Ample quantity for entire dress. 36-inch All-wool Beige for \$1.98. Ample quantity for entire dress.

#### A Selection of the Beautiful

38-inch Glace Suitings for \$2.69. Ample quantity for entire dress. 38-inch Carreau-Suitings for \$2.69. Ample quantity for entire dress. 38-inch Boucle Suitings for \$2.69. Ample quantity for entire dress. 38-inch Iridescent Suitings for \$2.69. Ample quantity for entire dress

## Some Queenly Creations in Green and Black.

46-inch two-toned Boucle, in green and black, 75c yard. 40-inch two-toned Boucle, in green and black, 50c yard. 42-inch two-toned Frieze, in green and black, 75c yard. 52-inch two-toned Armure, in green and black, \$1.25 yard. 54-inch two-toned Caniche, in green and black, \$1.50 yard.

# Special for Tomorrow Only.

52-inch extra heavy Berber Illusion, in myrtle only, 29c yard. Worth 60c. 52-inch two-toned Shark-skin Suitings, in green and brown only, 50c yard.

We box all Dress Lengths gratis, and make them look presentable for presentation.

\$1.25 Plisse Silk, 59c,

A splendid Silk Weave, so desirable for waists, for only 59 cents. Sold heretofore for \$1.25.

#### Silk Skirts, \$5.00.

A splendid line of Fine Silk Skirts, Two - Tone effects-only Five Dollars. Worth \$6.98.

420, 422, 424, 426 Seventh Street.

SAVED BY A CAT.

How a Bashful Young Man at Last Got a Spoon.

There is a man, well known in judicial ircles as one of the most poished and ourly of gentlemen, who tells the fol-

wing story: He had not, in his early youth, those advantages which tend to produce case of manner. When about liften he was much in love with a neighbor's daughter, and, according to his statement, was at this time nearly six feet tall, unguinly, shy and with the provertial obiquitous hands and

One Sunday he was at dinner with his rosy-cheeked sweetheart, and when the guests had been served with soup the youth discovered that he had no spoon. He grew red in the face, and was in an agony of mortification and dismay. If he asked for a spoon he felt sure everyone would look at him; if he did not eat his soup his hostess would be sure to remark it. What was he to do? He felt his hands growing larger and more in the way than ever, and his feet caused him untold emo-tion by absolutely refusing to go under his

Great beads of perspiration stood out on his face and trickled down like rain. The attraction was becoming unendurable, when a terrified cat, pursued by a small but gameterrier, rushed into the roomand sprang upon the table. The guests jumped up, and in the general confusion the embarrassed youth retained his seat, and turning to the servant remarked calmly, "I'll have a spoon, please."

FIELDIANA.

How Genial 'Gene Described Emms Abbott's Mode of Osculation. Hartford Times.

Eugene Field was a great admirer of Emma Abbott, and many have given him the credit for "discovering" her. He always said nice things about her whenever she came, wrote verse to the fair Emma in Kan-sas City, when Field was then engaged on the Times, and "jollied" the company as only a humorist can. In January ,1880, Emma Abbott played

in January, 1880, Emma Accord played, a week's engagement. One night she gave "Paul and Virginia." William Castle was the tenor. In Paul occurs a kissing scene, and the manner in which Emma passed through the ordeal delighted the heart of Mr. Field so much that the following Sunday, as a part of a four-column tribute to the singer, appeared this expansive

to the singer, app description:
"Aha, that kiss—that long, low, langu "Aha, that kiss—that long low, langu "Aha, that kiss—that long kiss! "T "Aha, that kiss—that long, low, languishing, limpid, liquid, lingering kiss! "T was not a tender kiss, nor a studied kiss, nor an artistic kiss, nor a fervent kiss, nor a boisterous kiss, nor a paroxysmal kiss, nor a nervous kiss, nor a fraternal kiss, nor a gingerly kiss, nor a diffuse kiss, nor a concentrated kiss, nor a diffuse kiss, nor a popgun kiss—'t was a calm, holy, ecstatic outbreaking of two fond and trusting hearts, an intermingling of two gentle souls sanctified by love, a communion of the intangible by tangible means, a blending of earth with heaven, in which the latter had a manifest preponderance." T was such a kiss as Trolius, stealance. 'T was such a kiss as Trollus, stering by night into the Trojan camp, mig fain have breathed on Cressida's maiden it to the melody of the joyful nightingale the sung of love, and in the sheen of the round, remoon and the stars that see but never

If there is another description of a kiss that will outrank this it is not known in Kan-sas City. After the departure of Abbott the "Abbott kiss" was a standard ex-



"Santa Claus on a Rambler."

GIVING A CHILD CASTOR OIL. May Be Put Into Biscuits or Ginger bread Nuts.

Did you ever find it necessary to give a chid a dose of castor oil? Did you ever long for some magic power to force the massating mixture down the throat of the little obstinate, squeeling, spat tering youngster? Try administering the dose in the form of castor oil biscuit or gingerbread, and the difficulties are easily over

Take one-fourth of a pound of flour, two ounces of moist sugar, a small quantity of spice and an ounce and a half of castor oil. Mix all together, roll it out and cut it into ten cakes. Bake them quickly in a hot oven. Each cake will contain a good dose of castor oil pleasantly disguised. One or more of the cakes may be given at a time, according to the age of the child. By adding ginger and using molasses, stead of sugar, castor oil gingernuts may be made, and the children will eat m readily without perceiving the tast of the oil.

Women as Station Agents.

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The railroad and express companies are having a little "mix" over women agents. On a number of the Indianapoits lines at some of the smaller stations there are women in charge. At small stations the agents are generally the agents for the express company. But the express companies refuse to allow women to serve for them, and have outsiders attend to the express business.

ress business. This, the railroad meu say, often compli-

ble to be injured than men from their clothing catching on car trucks. The plea of the railroads that the agents are the agents of the railroad, and they would be responsible, instead of the express compa-nies, does not count.

An express messenger who was spoken to on the subject gave the ingenious rea-son that the company feared an express

on that the company feared an express cobber could secure information more easily from a woman than from a man.-Indian

An Inexpensive Beautifier.

Few women realize that the skin must e fed as well as the body; for if not, it will become dry and wrinkled, and look like old cracked leather.

To omit washing the face at night is a great mistake. On retiring this is really of more importance than it is in the morning. It should be bathed in warm water and dried gently but thoroughly. Then take some good emollient, such as English cold cream, or fragrant Creme Beatrice, and rub in faithfully with the fingers until all of it is quite absorbed; he hands, neck and tems should be treated in the same mar.aer.

If these directions are carefully fol-lowed, the skin will retain its youthful softness and the plumpness of contour long after middle-age is passed.—Godey's

Congressman Amos J. Cummings has introduced an amendment to the copy-rigt law that fixes a heavy penalty for play pirating.